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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): The combination of a corrugated hose and a holder for the hose wherein the holder comprises two spaced apart support members, each member including at least one rib facing the rib on the other member, a corrugated hose with valleys, the hose having an elastically bowed portion and side sections located to either side of the bowed portion, the side sections positioned between the ribs, said side sections being biased against the ribs by the bowed portion with each rib seated in a valley on a side section so that the ribs hold the hose in place [on the support].

2. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 wherein each rib includes a lip.

3. (previously presented): The combination of claim 2 wherein said members are mounted on a wall and each lip is spaced from the wall.

4. (previously presented): The combination of claim 3 wherein at least one rib on each member includes a second lip, each second lip being located proximate the wall.

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5. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally horizontal and the hose extends generally vertically.

6. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally vertical and the hose extends generally horizontally.

7. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 including a wall and the support members are mounted on the wall or on one or more studs extending from the wall.

8. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 wherein the members are secured to parts of a vacuum cleaner body.

9. (previously presented): The combination of claim 1 wherein the members each comprise a one-piece integral molded plastic body.

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16. (previously presented): The combination of a corrugated hose and a holder for the hose wherein the holder comprises two spaced apart support members, each member mounted on a support and including at least one rib located outwardly from the support and facing the rib on the other member, each rib including a lip, a corrugated hose with valleys, the hose having an elastically bowed portion and side sections located to either side of the bowed portion, the side sections positioned between the ribs,

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said side sections being biased away from each other by the bowed portion so that one valley on each side section engages one rib on each member to support the hose.

17. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein each lip is spaced from the support.

18. (previously presented): The combination of claim 17 wherein at least one rib on each member includes a second lip, each second lip being located proximate the support.

19. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein the ribs are generally horizontal and the hose extends generally vertically.

20. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein the ribs are generally vertical and the hose extends generally horizontally.

21. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein the support comprises a wall and the support members are mounted on the wall or on one or more studs extending from the wall.

22. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein the members are secured to parts of a vacuum cleaner body.

23. (previously presented): The combination of claim 16 wherein the members each comprise a one-piece integral molded plastic body.